

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the interview of October 26, 2004 and October 28, 2004. In the interview, the Examiner stated that the appeal brief was persuasive and that she recommended minor amendments to the claims. Claims 1, 6, 8, 10, 26, 30 and 31 were discussed. Examiner was given authorization to make an Examiner's Amendment. However, a typographical error has been found in item E), G), and J) of the Examiner's Amendment. Therefore, please amend the Examiner's Amendments as follows:

E) In claim 8-line 4, “grounded”, --and exposed to said process region-- has been inserted.

G) In claim 10-line 4, after “grounded”, -- and exposed to said process region-- has been inserted.

J) In claim 30-line 4, after “grounded” (first occurrence), -- and exposed to said process region-- has been inserted.

A Notice of Allowance has been received in the above-identified application but the issue fee has not, as of yet, been paid. Applicant hereby respectfully requests that on recommendation of the Examiner and approval by the Director that this amendment be entered.

In view of this minor error, it is respectfully submitted that no new search is required.

Respectfully submitted,
BEYER WEAVER & THOMAS, LLP



Quin C. Hoellwarth
Registration No. 45,738

P.O. Box 778
Berkeley, CA 94704-0778
(650) 961-8300